

## EDUCATION

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- Exp: 2025     **Harvard University**  
Ph.D. Candidate in Education Policy and Program Evaluation  
  
Committee: Eric Taylor, Larry Katz, Susan Dynarski, Chris Avery  
Research Fields: Economics of Education and Labor Economics
- 2018     **Harvard University**  
Ed.M. in International Education Policy
- 2015     **Georgetown University**  
B.Sc. in International Economics

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- 2022     Immigration Initiative at Harvard Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 2022     Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- 2021     Institute of Education Sciences, Partnering in Education Research Fellowship (\$96,000)
- 2015     Abu Hamid Al-Ghazali Faculty Award
- 2012     Qatar Foundation Full-Scholarship (\$120,000)
- 2011     Georgetown University Merit Scholarship (\$20,000)

## GRANTS

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- 2024     **Harvard Graduate School of Education** Research Grant. \$2,000
- 2023     **Russell Sage Foundation** Dissertation Research Grant. \$10,000
- 2023     **Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality, and Social Policy** Research Grant.  
\$2,500
- 2023     **Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences** Doctoral Research and Travel Grants.  
\$3,532

## SELECT WORK IN PROGRESS

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1. Schools and Social Capital: Economic Segregation and Long-Term Outcomes
2. Bridging the Income Divide: Advanced Courses and Exposure to Higher-Income Peers
3. The Expansion of Alternative Schools: Impact of Schools Targeting Lower Performing Students (with Nour Abdul-Razzak and Monica Bhatt)
4. The simultaneity of Migration and Education Decisions
5. Impact of Expectations of Discrimination on Major Choice (with Lena Shi and Michela Carlana)

## PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

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Palencia-Ramírez, Nancy & **Mallah, Farah** (2024). "Educator Brief: Forced Displacement: Implications for Refugee and Asylee Students." Immigration Initiative.  
<https://immigrationinitiative.harvard.edu/briefs/#educator-briefs>

Fuller, Joseph, Lipson, Rachel, **Mallah, Farah**, Pendse, Girish, & Snyder, Rachel. (2022). “The Options Multiplier: Decoding the CareerWise Youth Apprenticeship Journey.” Project on Workforce at the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School.  
<https://t.ly/ENZWd>. Video on report findings: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvdPsru\\_OoI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvdPsru_OoI).

**Mallah, Farah** (2018). A Theoretical Framework for Teacher Incentives: Monetary, Social and Vision-Based. Journal of Education and Learning, 8(1), 29. <https://doi.org/10.5539/jel.v8n1p29>

## PRESENTATIONS

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2024	Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Harvard Economics of Education Workshop, Harvard Graduate School of Education Colloquium, Harvard Labor/Public Economics Workshop, Harvard Economics and Social Policy Workshop
2023	Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Harvard Economics of Education Workshop
2021	CESifo Junior Economist Workshop on Migration
2018	Comparative and International Education Society (CIES), Harvard Student Research Conference
2016	Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference

## TEACHING

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2022,2024	<b>Teaching Fellow for Raj Chetty: Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems</b> (Economics Department: Master’s/Undergraduate)
2021,2023	<b>Teaching Fellow for Carrie Conaway: Evidence</b> (Education Department: Master’s)
2021	<b>Teaching Fellow for Joseph McIntyre: Statistics for Educational Research: Applied Linear Regression</b> (Education Department: Doctoral/Master’s)
2021	<b>Teaching Fellow for Virginia Lovison: Program Evaluation and Education Policy</b> (Harvard Kennedy School and Education Department: Master’s)
2013-2015	<b>Teaching Fellow for Finance, Trade, and Microeconomics</b> (Georgetown University Economics Department: Undergraduate)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2022	Partnering in Education Research (PIER) Fellow, Orange County Public Schools, Florida
2021-2022	Research Assistant, The Project on Workforce, Harvard Kennedy School
2021-2022	Research Assistant, READS Lab, Harvard University
2020-2022	Graduate Student Advisor, Harvard Graduate School of Education
2018-2024	Research Analyst, Education and Crime Labs, University of Chicago
2017-2018	Research Assistant, Student Social Support Lab, Harvard Kennedy School
2015-2017	Math Public-School Teacher, Teach for Qatar Fellow

## SERVICE

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2019-	Leading the work on making explicit institutional knowledge in academia as part of the Research Doctoral Advisory Committee: Doctoral Transitions Working Group.
2012-2015	Leading and expanding the Hoya Empowerment and Learning Program to teach English, Computer and Financial Literacy to low-income migrant workers on campus. Recognized and commended for my work by former first lady Michelle Obama in WISE 2015 Speech.

## REFERENCES

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**LANGUAGES** English (fluent), Arabic (fluent)

**SOFTWARE SKILLS** Stata, R, GIS

**CITIZENSHIP** USA and Jordan

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